[Sh. Uttamrao Deorao Patil]

Therefore, I would like to request the Government to take necessary steps in this regard.

(iii) Need to provide adequate assistance to the people affected by heavy rains in Kanyakumari district, Kerala.

SHRI N. DENNIS (Nagercoil): Mr. Chairman Sir, the following is a matter of urgent public importance.

A grave situation has arisen in Kanyakumari district due to heavy rainfall. Heavy loss and damage has been caused to the people and to their properties. Large areas of agricultural crops such as paddy, plantains and betel gardens have been destroyed. Several trees have been uprooted. Cash crops such as rubber and cloves have been severely damaged. Breaches occurred in several irrigation channels and tanks. Several roads were damaged. Fishermen could not go for fishing due to rough weather, cruel waves and severe winds. I urge upon the Government to take immediatel remedial measures to remove the difficulties of the area.

(iv) Need to declare Mangalore—Mysore—Bangalore State Highway in Karnataka as National Highway.

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR (Mangalore): Mangalore-Mysore-Bangalore State Highway via Meheara is one of the important roads in Karnataka State, having a very high traffic potential and frequency. The capital city of Bangalore, the second largest city of the State i.e. Mysore and the developing city of Meheara would be connected with the port city of Mangalore through this road and as such this State Highway is required to be declared as National Highway immediately.

(v) Need to direct University Grants Commission to open degree colleges in Sasni, Gangiri, Atrauli and Sikandararau in U.P.

[*Translation*]

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL (Hathras): Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to my constituency Hathras (Uttar Pradesh). Hathras is an extremely backward area and completely lacks the means of earning livelihood with the result majority of the people of this area are poor and illiterate. Constituent of five Legislative Assembly seats, the area has merely three degree colleges and that too in only Hathras. Due to poverty, people are not in a position to send their children to Hathras Degree College. Because transportation is quite expensive and the people cannot afford these expenses Moreover, it takes about six hours to reach Hathras from the rural areas due to which students are deprived of higher education.

The Government should take measures to eradicate illiteracy in Hathras Parliamentary Constituency to strengthen the number of educated people. The Government should help the University Grants Commission to open degree college in Sasni, Gangiri, Agrauli and Sikandrarau and take the required measures to provide facilities to the people.

My submission to the Government is that they should direct University Grants Commission to open degree colleges in Sasni, Gangiri, Atrauli and Sikandrarau in Hathras Parliamentary Constitutency of Uttar Pradesh.

(vi) Need to declare Delhi-Saharanpur road via Baraut-Shamli as National Highway.

SHRI HARPAL PANWAR (Kairana): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the Delhi-Saharanpur road *via* Baraut-Shamli. This road comes under the highway and is very important one. But everyday one or the other mishap takes place there due to its inadequate breadth. The number of vehicles on this road is quite high. Thus the driver, despite being fully careful, loses his balance and meets an accidents.

Therefore, I would like the Government to declare Delhi-Saharanpur load via Baraut-Shamli as National Highway immedi-